



8. Length of stay in prison for parolees serving life sentences (Since 1966)

| Year | Total number of parolees | Parolees | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Number of life-sentenced inmates who died | Sources | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|---------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|---------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Parole details | | | Length of stay in prison for new parolees (*1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total number of parolees | Parolees | | Number of life-sentenced inmates who died | | | |
| | | Parole granted | Parole granted after initially being revoked | Parole granted after initially being revoked and serving a separate sentence | 4 years or less | 5 years | 6-8 years | 9-10 years | 11 years | 12 years | 13 years | 14 years | 15 years | 16 years | 17 years | 18 years | 19 years | 20 years | More than 20 years | Average | | | Type of execution | new parolee by length of stay in prison | | average | | |
| Showa 41 | 1966 | 74 | 68 | 1 | 5 | | | | | 1 | | 9 | 14 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 2 | | - | - | 1966, Table 61, p.153 | - | - | | | | |
| Showa 42 | 1967 | 97 | 95 *7 | | 1 | | | | | 2 | 9 | 18 | 10 | 25 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | - | - | 1967, Table 63, p.153 | - | - | | | |
| Showa 43 | 1968 | 80 | 77 | | 3 | | | | | 1 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 24 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | - | - | 1968, Table 63, p.158 | - | - | | | |
| Showa 44 | 1969 | 92 | 87 | | 5 | | | | | 4 | 2 | 12 | 22 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | - | - | 1969, Table 57, p.149 | - | - | | |
| Showa 45 | 1970 | 85 | 84 | 1 | | | | | | | | 2 | 9 | 23 | 23 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 2 | | - | - | 1970, Table 57, p.149 | - | - | |
| Showa 46 | 1971 | 86 | 79 | 1 | 6 | | | | | | | 4 | 7 | 20 | 14 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 3 | | 2 | | - | - | 1971, Table 57, p.149 | - | - | |
| Showa 47 | 1972 | 53 | 47 | | 6 | | | | | | | 2 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | | - | - | 1972, Table 56, p.151 | - | - | |
| Showa 48 | 1973 | 60 | 58 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 16 | 18 | 13 | 9 | | | 1 | 1 | | - | - | 1973, Table 58 p.153 | - | - | |
| Showa 49 | 1974 | 74 | 69 | 1 | 4 | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 11 | 23 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 2 | | | | - | - | 1974, Table 58, p.153 | - | - | |
| Showa 50 | 1975 | 112 | 105 | | 7 | | | | | | | 5 | 19 | 28 | 24 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 | | | - | - | 1975, Table 58 p.153 | - | - | |
| Showa 51 | 1976 | 61 | 58 | | 3 | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 7 | 6 | | 1 | 4 | | - | - | 1976, Table 58, p.159 | - | - | |
| Showa 52 | 1977 | 55 | 52 | | 3 | | | | | | | 1 | 3 | 7 | 18 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 2 | | 4 | 15years and 7months *2 | - | - | 1977, Table 58, p.167 | - | - | |
| Showa 53 | 1978 | 39 | 38 | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 16years and 8months *2 | - | - | 1978, Table 57, p.157 | - | - | |
| Showa 54 | 1979 | 64 | 61 | | 3 | | | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 15 | 20 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 15years and 8months *2 | - | - | 1979, Table 57, p.157 | - | - | |
| Showa 55 | 1980 | 55 | 42 | 3 | 10 | | | | | | | | 2 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 3 | | 1 | 15years and 8months *2 | - | - | I, 1980, Table 57, p.157 | - | - | |
| Showa 56 | 1981 | 67 | 58 | 2 | 7 | | | | | | | | 2 | 5 | 19 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 15years and 7months *2 | - | - | I, 1981, Table 57, p.157 | - | - | |
| Showa 57 | 1982 | 58 | 52 | 1 | 5 | | | | | | | | 10 | 13 | 9 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 15years and 10months *2 | - | - | I, 1982, Table 57, p.157 | - | - | |
| Showa 58 | 1983 | 52 | 45 | | 7 | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 16years *2 | - | - | I, 1983, Table 57, p.157 | - | - |
| Showa 59 | 1984 | 60 | 53 | 1 | 6 | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 9 | 3 | | 4 | 15years and 11months *2 | - | - | I, 1984, Table 57, p.157 | - | - |
| Showa 60 | 1985 | 33 | 27 | | 6 | | | | | | | | 2 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 15years and 5months *2 | - | - | I, 1985, Table 57, p.157 | - | - | |
| Showa 61 | 1986 | 32 | 27 | 1 | 4 | | | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 16years and 7months *2 | - | - | I, 1986, Table 57, p.157 | Cabinet's answer to the House of Representatives (No. 149, October 3, 2000) | - | |
| Showa 62 | 1987 | 34 | 26 | 3 | 5 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 15years and 8months *2 | - | - | I, 1987, Table 57, p.157 | - | - |
| Showa 63 | 1988 | 17 | 12 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 16years and 1month *2 | - | - | I, 1988, Table 57, p.163 | - | - | |
| Showa 64/ Heisei 1 | 1989 | 22 | 12 | 6 | 4 | | | | | | | | | 4 | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 | 4 | 18years and 10months *2 | - | - | I, 1989 Table 57, p.163 | - | - | |
| Heisei 2 | 1990 | 18 | 14 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 20years and 3month *2 | - | - | I, 1990, Table 57, p.163 | - | - | |
| Heisei 3 | 1991 | 39 | 34 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 18years and 1months *2 | - | - | I, 1991, Table 57, p.163 | - | - | |
| Heisei 4 | 1992 | 25 | 20 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 20years *2 | - | - | I, 1992, Table 57, p.171 | - | - | |
| Heisei 5 | 1993 | 22 | 17 | | 5 | | | | | | | 1 | | | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 18years and 1month *2 | - | - | I, 1993, Table 57, p.171 | - | - | |
| Heisei 6 | 1994 | 26 | 19 | 2 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 8 | 3 | | 4 | 4 | 18years and 3months *2 | - | - | I, 1994, Table 57, p.171 | - | - | |
| Heisei 7 | 1995 | 23 | 16 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 20years *2 | - | - | 1995, Table 57, p.171 | - | - | |
| Heisei 8 | 1996 | 18 | 7 | 4 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 1 | 2 | 20years and 6months *2 | - | - | 1996, Table 57, p.173 | - | - | |
| Heisei 9 | 1997 | 20 | 12 | | 8 | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | | | 2 | 1 | 6 | 21years and 6months *2 | - | - | 1997, Table 69, p.235 | - | - | |
| Heisei 10 | 1998 | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 4 | 10 | 20years 10months *2 | 6 | - | 1998, Table 69, p.235 | *3 | - | |
| Heisei 11 | 1999 | 11 | 9 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 5 | 21years and 4months | 9 | - | 1999, Table 69, p.235 | *4 | - | |
| Heisei 12 | 2000 | 12 | 7 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 21years and 2months | 9 | - | 2000, Table 69, p.235 | - | - | |

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| Year | Parolees | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Number of life-sentenced inmates who died | Sources | | | | | |
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| | Total number of parolees | Parole details | | | Length of stay in prison for new parolees (*1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average | Total number of parolees | Parolees | | | Number of life-sentenced inmates who died |
| | | Parole granted | Parole granted after initially being revoked | Parole granted after initially being revoked and serving a separate sentence | 4 years or less | 5 years | 6-8 years | 9-10 years | 11 years | 12 years | 13 years | 14 years | 15 years | 16 years | 17 years | 18 years | 19 years | 20 years | More than 20 years | | | | Type of execution | new parolee by length of stay in prison | average | |
| Heisei 13 | 2001 | 15 | 13 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 11 | 22years and 8months | 12 | 2001, Table 69, p.241 | Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released November 2010. | |
| Heisei 14 | 2002 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 23years and 5months | 18 | | | 2002, Table 69, p.241 |
| Heisei 15 | 2003 | 16 | 14 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 14 | 23years and 4months | 11 | | | 2003, Table 69, p.241 |
| Heisei 16 | 2004 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 25years and 10months | 15 | | | 2004, Table 69, p.241 |
| Heisei 17 | 2005 | 13 | 10 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10 | 27years and 2months | 12 | | | 2005, Table 69, p.241 |
| Heisei 18 | 2006 | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 25years and 1month | 15 | | | 2006, Table 69 |
| Heisei 19 | 2007 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 31years and 10months | 13 | | | 2007, Table 69 |
| Heisei 20 | 2008 | 5 | 4 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 28years and 10months | 7 | | | 2008, Table 69 |
| Heisei 21 | 2009 | 6 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 30years and 2months | 14 | | | 2009, Table 69 |
| Heisei 22 | 2010 | 9 | 7 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 35years and 3months | 21 | | | 2010, Table 69 |
| Heisei 23 | 2011 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 35years and 2months | 21 | 2011, Table 69 | | |
| Heisei 24 | 2012 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 31years and 9months | 14 | 2012, Table 69 | | |
| Heisei 25 | 2013 | 10 | 8 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 31years and 2months | 14 | 2013, Table 69 | | |
| Heisei 26 | 2014 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 31years and 4months | 23 | 2014, Table 69 | | |
| Heisei 27 | 2015 | 11 | 9 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 9 | 31years and 6months | 22 | 2015, Table 69 | | |
| Heisei 28 | 2016 | 9 | 7 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 31years and 9months | 27 | 2016, Table 69 | | |
| Heisei 29 | 2017 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 33years and 2months | 30 | 2017, Table 69 | | |
| Heisei 30 | 2018 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 31years and 6months | 24 | 2018, Table 69 | | |
| Heisei 31/ Reiwa 1 | 2019 | 17 | 16 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 16 | 36years | 21 | 2019, Table 69 | | |
| Reiwa 2 | 2020 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 36years and 6months | 29 | 2020, Table 69 | *5 | |
| Reiwa 3 | 2021 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 32years and 10months | 29 | 2021, Table 69 | *6 | |
| Reiwa 4 | 2022 | 6 | 5 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 45years and 1month | 41 | 2022, Table 69 | *8 | |
| Reiwa 5 | 2023 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 37years and 4month | 30 | 2023, Table 69 | *9 | |
| Reiwa 6 | 2024 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 38years and 1mont | 32 | 2024, Table 69 | *10 | |

*1 "new parolees" means parolees with life sentences, excluding persons who were allowed to be paroled again after revocation.

*2 The average length of stay in prison of new life-sentenced parolees.

*3 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released September 2008

*4 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released September 2009

*5 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released November 2020

*6 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released November 2021

*8 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released December 2023

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| | Total number of parolees | Parole details | | | Length of stay in prison for new parolees (*1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average | Parolees | | | | Number of life-sentenced inmates who died |
| | | Parole granted | Parole granted after initially being revoked | Parole granted after initially being revoked and serving a separate sentence | 4 years or less | 5 years | 6-8 years | 9-10 years | 11 years | 12 years | 13 years | 14 years | 15 years | 16 years | 17 years | 18 years | 19 years | 20 years | More than 20 years | | | Total number of parolees | Type of execution | new parolee | | |
| by length of stay in prison | | average | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*9 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released December 2024

*10 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released January 2026

Hyphens ("-") mean that no statistical data exists.

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